

## REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	11 June 2001
Name of applicant/court:	Comptroller of Customs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Spunky Knight
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Groth And Thompson
Author:	Kozo Yohei
Format:	Comic
Country of Origin:	USA
Language:	English

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**Components of film originally examined:** Not Applicable.

Feature:	Running time:
Trailers:	Running time:
	Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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**SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:**

The comic entitled *Spunky Knight* has been classified as objectionable.

The comic contains cartoon images rendered in a style known as Manga Lolikon, and involves female characters with child like features. The comic contains seven separate stories each of which is used to provide a context within which explicit sexual activity is depicted.

In some stories, female characters engage in sexual activity with mythical creatures. The publication is not considered to promote or support, or tend to promote or support, bestiality in terms of s3(2) of the Films, Videos and Publications Classification Act (FVPC Act) due to the fantastical nature of the stories.

The publication has been considered under s3(3) of the FVPC Act. The publication depicts sexual violence and coercion in association with sexual conduct, and degrades females to such a high extent and degree, that the availability of the publication is likely to be injurious to the public good. The publication is therefore classified as objectionable.

The New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 has been considered in relation to this publication. The classification represents the minimum interference with the freedom of expression consistent with preventing likely injury to the public good.

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